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NO. 10.

MISS BAIN LECTURES

"Co-Operative Movement in New Zealand," Subject of Address Before Woman's Club.

The Sierra Madre Womans' Club met as usual on Monday of this week. Miss Wilhelmina Bain of New Zealand was the lecturer of the afternoon. Miss Bain spoke on the "Co-operative Movement in New Zealand." Miss Bain said that New Zealand is a new country, which was not settled until about 1840. It had its gold fever following that of California and Australia, and started with all of the ills attendant on the gold fever rush. It has but recently been made a dominion, and has now only a small population, made up largely of inhabitants of the British Isles, but augmented by immigrants from Austria, Scandinavia, Germany, etc. These people go to the industries to which they are accustomed in Europe. The Austrians go to the grain fields, the Scandinavians to farming and so on. Chinese coolies were imported by some contractors some years ago to work in the gold mines, but soon the government placed a tax of £100 per capita on coolies, and the influx ceased, so to-day there are comparatively few Chinamen in the islands. The Japanese immigration question is not nearly so important as in California for the people have uniformly refused to accept them as house servants, so they have not been tempted to enter the country.

New Zealand's progress dates from the united attempt of men and women to obtain adult suffrage. In the earlier days two men, Saunders and Fox, started an agitation for it. Then in 1885, Mrs. May Clement Leavitt was sent as missionary from America by the W. C. T. U., and she advocated adult suffrage. Franchise committees were formed all over the provinces, with Mrs. Shepherd as superintendent of the whole. Under her able management a petition was presented to parliament signed by 10,000 people. The petition passed the lower branch, but was rejected by the upper house. Next year a petition was sent up signed by 20,000 people, but the fate of this petition was the same as that of the first. Then the committee and the press united in a still greater effort, and a petition signed by 30,000 people, including more than half the women of the province was sent up to parliament and was passed with an excellent majority. Now all adults, males and females, who have some character and educational qualifications can vote. Women are not represented in the government, however, and an attempt is now being made to obtain this right.

Conditions have improved materially in the island since that time. Voting day used to be one of excess and crime, but now it has become practically a family holiday. The cause of temperance has advanced rapidly. Candidates

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CITY DRY AS A BONE

ORDINANCE NO. 11 PASSED BY CITY COUNCIL

Will of People Expressed at Recent Election Made Law by City Trustees—Contracts Awarded and Other

Business Transacted.

The question of license or no license in Sierra Madre was finally settled last night by action of the board of trustees, when that body passed Ordinance No. 11, shutting out the sale of any and all forms of intoxicating liquor in this city, except by druggists, on physicians' prescriptions.

This was the somewhat celebrated hotel license ordinance. When the city incorporated last winter it had, of course, no liquor legislation. Then came a petition from one of the local hotels requesting permission to serve liquors with meals. Ordinance No. 11 was drafted, being a prohibitory measure with the exception of the hotel and drug store features. This measure met with a storm of protest against the hotel license.

After thoroughly reviewing the situation the trustees agreed to call a special election to determine the wishes of the people of the city on the subject, provided the petitioners would furnish the money to pay the necessary expenses. This was quickly raised, the election held on October 31, and the result was a victory for the no license people by a vote of nearly two to one.

Last night the returns were canvassed by the board of trustees and the ordinance passed, after first striking out the hotel license clause, thus settling the liquor question in Sierra Madre for some time at least.

The board passed resolutions of award for street improvements on Mountain Trail and Baldwin avenues,

PARK COMMISSION.

Delegation From Woman's Club Petitions City Fathers.

Last night a delegation from the Woman's Club of Sierra Madre appeared before the city trustees and petitioned for the appointment of a park commission to consist of three members, the chairman of the commissioners to look after the interests of the city in the matter of parks and parkways, planting and cutting of trees, and general beautifying of the city. The city attorney will prepare an ordinance creating such a commission.

"As Others See Us."

At the last meeting of the ministers of the Christian church of southern California, held in the First Christian church of Los Angeles, an address was given by Dr. J. M. Campbell on the subject, "As Others See Us." The address elicited a good deal of discussion and a request was made for its publication in all the papers of the denomination.

the contracts going to the B. R. Davisson Contracting company.

Ordinance No. 43 was read a second time and passed. This bill extends the time for the payment of taxes to the second day of January, 1908.

A communication was received from Mr. R. A. Fowler, asking permission to open a street along the west side of his property on Central avenue, extending north to Highland avenue.

The city clerk was authorized to purchase necessary ledgers and books for keeping the accounts of the city; also to purchase 1,000 grade stakes for the use of the city engineer.

The unsatisfactory condition of the street lights was under discussion and the city clerk was directed to communicate with the Edison Electric company, calling attention to the poor lights, and large number of "outs," and demanding better service.

Dr. Hatfield appeared before the board, requesting the privilege of remodeling a portion of the curb and gutter on Baldwin avenue by private contract before the street work is done. The city attorney ruled that the board had no power to act in the matter at this time.

The following bills were allowed:

Mead & Co.....	\$ 8 25
Staples & Hall.....	67 55
Edison Electric Co.....	2 95
Neuner Co.....	116 00
Edison Electric Co.....	283 20
City engineer.....	103 20
O. G. McWain.....	32 50
For safety box.....	3 00
Sierra Madre News.....	65 56

CHANGE OF MANAGERS.

Mr. Erlen of Los Angeles Takes Charge of Hotel El Reposo.

This week occurred a change in the management of Hotel El Reposo, Dr. and Mrs. Zelinsky being succeeded by Mr. Bershon of Los Angeles, who has secured a lease of this beautiful foothill property, and immediately assumed control, Dr. Zelinsky returning to Los Angeles.

This afternoon Miss Mabel Hoffman, whose delightful rendering of James Whitcomb Riley's child's stories gave such pleasure to the audience at the school house last Friday night, will again appear before the pupils of Miss McCobb's room with a view of forming a class for the study of dramatic art and expression.

Christmas Cantata.

The Sunday school of the Congregational church is preparing a Christmas cantata, which will be given on Monday evening, the 23d inst.

WILL GIVE CONCERT

Lovers of High-Class Music to Be Entertained by Musical Club in January.

An event of unusual importance to lovers of high class music will be the concert to be given in January by Prof. Seiling and Miss Trowbridge, under the auspices of the Ladies' Musical club. Prof. Seiling has been a resident of Sierra Madre for more than a year, but has never appeared before a local audience. His work has been mostly in connection with the Conservatory of Music of Southern California, of the faculty of which both Prof. Seiling and Miss Trowbridge are members.

We quote the following press references to Miss Trowbridge:

"Miss Trowbridge has excellent interpretive powers. She is an attractive, brilliant player, and a fine musician." — William H. Sherwood, Chicago.

"Aside from the regular members, the club was especially favored in having as its guest Miss Carrie Trowbridge, whose skillful interpretation of the great composer was most delightful and enjoyable, showing keen appreciation of this most difficult and inspiring genius, Richard Wagner." — University Suburban.

"Miss Trowbridge is a clever musician." — Los Angeles Times.

The next meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mrs. Charles W. Hill, Hermosa avenue, next Monday.

SUDDEN DEATH.

End Comes While Waiting for Carriage to Return Home.

While Miss Nellie M. Smith, aged twenty-seven years, was waiting for a carriage to take her to the car, to return to her home in Los Angeles, she suddenly expired, Monday afternoon.

Miss Smith, who had been ill for some time, came to Sierra Madre some weeks since in hope that the fresh mountain air would benefit her, and was staying with friends on Esperanza avenue. Her improvement was only temporary, however, and she decided to return to her home. She passed away just as the carriage arrived.

The remains were forwarded to Los Angeles, where the interment took place.

Noted Club Woman Here.

Mrs. James Judson Penny, president of the Ebell club at Long Beach, is spending some time in Sierra Madre. Mrs. Penny is prominently identified with the educational and club work at the seaside city and was one of the representative women appointed to receive at the reception tendered by the Long Beach Ebell club to the celebrated landscape architect, Mr. Charles Mulford and wife, last week. Local society will be enriched by her residence here.

SOME CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

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RAISE OVER \$100.00

Piano Fund Entertainment Adds Neat Sum to That Already Raised by Pupils.

The school children of Sierra Madre have a most astonishing way of getting what they want. Their elders have entreated them again and again to let them have just a little glimpse of the Aladdin's lamp they rub to make their wishes come true; but no! it is only to the children that this great secret is entrusted.

Two years ago, while occupying the old building, they wished for a new school house, and lo, the citizens awoke one bright morning to gaze upon one of the handsomest school houses in southern California, in an ideal location, a background of the stately Sierra Madre mountains and a vista from the patio reaching to the sea.

Then the children rubbed Aladdin's lamp again and wished for a piano to place in this beautiful school house. The piano promptly appeared, and in a month's time it is nearly half paid for and the children declare it will be great fun to raise the remaining debt.

The entertainment given Friday afternoon and evening was very successful, in both its entertainment and financial features. More than three hundred people were present in the evening and all enjoyed the excellent program presented. The grounds were lighted by Japanese lanterns and the patio and school rooms were profusely decorated with palms, ferns, holly and pepper boughs.

The Teddy bear social, under direction of Mesdames Wright and Wheatley, was an excellent idea and proved very entertaining to the little ones. Refreshments were served, under direction of Mrs. Collins of the Hotel Sierra Madre. Donations were made for this purpose by pupils and friends of the school, a huge cake, 18x20 inches in dimension,

contributed by Yerxa Bros., being worthy of special mention.

As a result of the entertainment, in addition to the money already raised by the children, it was possible to make a payment of \$120 on the piano.

The afternoon program follows:

- 1 Song by School
- 2 Recitation, - - Isabel Craig
- 3 Reading, - - Clarence Martin
- 4 Quartette, Paul Smith
Adelbert Morgan
Marshall Wright
Don Baxter
- 5 Debate, Subject:—Airship versus Automobile. Laurel Steinberger
Eugene Sweat
- 6 Piano Solo, Mildred Rasmussen
- 7 Recitation, - - Etta Runyan
- 8 Vocal Solos, Capt. J. A. Osgood
- 9 Violin Solo, Julian Fisher
- 10 Recitation, - - Merton Clark
- 11 Song, - - Ruth Brownson
- 12 Composition, Lucius Sweat
- 13 Quartette, Mabel Olsen
Janet Stevenson
Grace McKinley
Olga Olsen
- 14 Recitation - - Margaret Stockard
- 15 Piano Solo, - - Janet Stevenson
- 16 Recitation, - - Ruth Henderson
- 17 Reading, - - Ruth Bradley
- 18 Song by School

The evening program:

- 1 "Calvary," - - P. Rodney
Miss Mabelle Caley and Mr. Ross
- 2 "One Good Time," - - Selected
Miss Mabel Hoffman
- 3 "Babes in Toyland," - - Herbert
Miss Cook
- 4 "Meditation," - - J. S. Bach
Mr. Ross
- 5 "The Japanese Maiden," - - Madam Butterfly
- 6 Vocal Solo, - - Selected
Mr. Bechtelheimer
- 7 "Rigoletto," Op. 47, - - Billema
Mrs. Stevenson and Miss Hill

- 8 (a) "L'Onvoy," - - Kipling
(b) "Little Brown Baby," - - Dunbar
(c) "A Life Lesson," - - Riley
Miss Mabel Hoffman
- 9 Folk Songs, Mrs. Patty Gaskell
- 10 "Cavatina," - - Carl Bohm
Miss Edith Blumer
- 11 (a) "Nocturne," Op. 55, No. 1, Chopin
(b) "Witches' Dance," - - McDowell
Miss Hill
- 12 "Bobby Unwelcome," - - Annie Donnell
Miss Mabel Hoffman
- 13 "The Nightengale's Song," - - Nevin
Miss Cook

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Mrs. Wheatley, Conductors.

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"Emperor William isn't nearly so talkative as he once was," says a contemporary. His Majesty is a grandfather two times, and has been on the emperor job quite a while; naturally, he has learned both wisdom and discretion.

Notice of Award of Contract.

Trustees awarded the contract for said work to the lowest, regular, responsible bidder, to-wit, to The B. R. Davison Contracting Company, at the prices named for said work in its proposal on file, to-wit:

For said grading and oiling the sum of \$1.40 per lineal foot.

For the construction of said cement gutter the sum of \$.45 per lineal foot of gutter.

For the construction of said cement curb the sum of \$.33 per lineal foot of curb through said street.

And that said award has been approved by a three-fourths vote of the Board of Trustees of the city of Sierra Madre.

Clerk's office, Sierra Madre Cal., December 13th, 1907.

J. J. GRAHAM,
City Clerk.

Notice of Award of Contract.

Pursuant to statutes and to the Resolution of Award of the Board of Trustees, adopted December 12th, 1907, directing this notice, notice is hereby given that said Board of Trustees, in open session, on the 4th day of December 1907, opened, examined and publicly declared all sealed proposals or bids offered for the following work, to-wit:

1st. For the grading and oiling of Baldwin avenue from the north curb line of Live Oak avenue on the south to the south curb line of Carter avenue on the north, including all intersections (except such portions of said street and intersections as are required by law to be kept in order or repair by any person or company having railroad tracks thereon, and also excepting such portions as have already been graded to the official line and grade, oiled and accepted by said city), in accordance with the plans and profiles for such work on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city and specifications for such work on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 4.

2nd. For the construction of a cement gutter along each side of Baldwin avenue from the north curb line of Live Oak avenue on the south to the south curb line of Carter avenue on the north (except along such portions of said street where a cement or granite gutter has been constructed to the official line and grade and accepted by said city), in accordance with the plans and profiles for such work on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city and specifications for the construction of cement gutters on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 8.

3rd. For the construction of a cement curb along both sides of said Baldwin avenue from the north curb line of Live Oak avenue on the south to the south curb line of Carter avenue on the north (except along such portions of said street where a cement or granite curb has been constructed to the official line and grade and accepted by said city), in accordance with the plans and profiles for such work on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and specifications for the construction of cement curbs on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 2.

And thereafter, to-wit, on the 12th day of December, 1907, said Board of Trustees awarded the contract for said work to the lowest, regular, responsible bidder, to-wit, to The B. R. Davison Contracting Company, a corporation, at the prices named for said work in its proposal on file, to-wit:

For said grading and oiling, complete, per lineal foot..... \$1.77

For the construction of said cement gutter, per lineal foot of gutter throughout said street..... \$0.45

For the construction of said cement curb, per lineal foot of curb..... \$0.33

And that said award has been approved by a three-fourths vote of the Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre.

Clerk's Office, Sierra Madre, Cal., December 13th, 1907.

J. J. GRAHAM,
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Brief Items of Interest

City Marshal W. P. Caley was at Ar-
cadia Wednesday on business.

Mrs. Dafford of Los Angeles has taken
the Wellington cottage on Grandin
avenue.

Miss Hazel Hill of Grandin avenue
will spend a few days in Los Angeles
next week.

A. S. Mead and his father have both
recently completed additions to their
residences.

Almost every day sees the beginning
of a new house in Sierra Madre, and
the new arrivals continue.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and
Mrs. Roland T. Cole, of Baldwin ave-
nue, last Saturday morning.

Mrs. St. Aubyns of New York is a
recent arrival in the city and has taken
a cottage on Grandin avenue.

Miss Evelyn Rice has returned from
a six months' visit in the East, visiting
at Abingdon, Va., and New York city.

H. Ivor Thomas, who during the ab-
sence of his family in the East is
sojourning in Los Angeles, was in the
city Monday.

Miss Isabel Oswald, of Pasadena, and
Mr. Ralph Maskey, of Los Angeles,
were guests of Miss Mary Price, of
Highland avenue, Sunday.

Miss Gertrude Cook is on the pro-
gram for discussion on "Reading" at
the teachers' institute held at Los
Angeles during the coming week.

Miss Hazel Hill's Sunday school class
at the Congregational church met Mon-
day evening and after a very enthusi-
astic meeting organized themselves
into a Baracca class.

Mr. Lockridge of Long Beach moved
his family to this city and has taken a
cottage at the corner of Hotel street
and Highland avenue. He is working
with Fred Packard, the painter.

Mrs. Mackenzie, wife of Dr. Mac-
kenzie, president of the Hartford
(Conn.) Theological Seminary, was a
visitor at the home of Rev. and Mrs.
J. M. Campbell, Monday of this week.

The new residence of Mrs. Mackerras,
on Central avenue near the foot of
Auburn, is well under way. The
building was designed by Mr. J. D.
Mackerras and will be a neat, seven-
room bungalow.

An enjoyable social meeting of the
Ladies' Aid society of the Congregational
church was held in the church
annex on Tuesday afternoon, Mesdames
Gill and Jones acting as hostesses. This
will be the last meeting of the kind
until after the holidays.

L. F. Knaak and family, of Long
Beach, have removed to Sierra Madre
and will occupy the Eber cottage with
his father-in-law, Aug. Eklund, who
recently came from that city. Mr.
Knaak is employed with the Crystal
Salt company, of Los Angeles.

The rector of the Church of the As-
cension is preaching a series of ser-
mons during the Advent season on
Sunday evenings to the men. These
services are not exclusively for the
men, but Mr. Bentham is very desirous
of having the men present. A general
invitation is extended to all.

Mr. A. S. Mead and Mr. Doan spent
Tuesday in Azusa on business.

The Modern Priscillas met with Miss
Jennie Lambert of Grand View avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hill and family
visited relatives at Sawtelle last Sun-
day.

Los Angeles parties have taken the
Belle cottage on Hotel street and Grand
View avenue.

Miss May Flint of Los Angeles has
been the guest of Miss Gertrude Cook
for several days.

E. W. Camp was called to La Junta
on important railway business the early
part of the week.

There was no meeting of the board
of trade Monday night, owing to ab-
sence of a quorum.

Mrs. Atwood and Miss Amy Atwood
of Pasadena were guests of Miss Hill
of Grandin avenue Friday.

Today is Friday, the 13th day of the
month, and the second time it has
occurred this year. How's your luck.

Mrs. Jane McGregor has returned
from River Falls Wisconsin, after an
absence of a year and a half with her
son.

Next Sunday evening Rev. J. M.
Campbell will preach a special sermon
to the young people upon the subject of
"Juvenile Piety."

The Misses Frances and Jessie Gar-
riott of Hollywood were guests of Miss
Ruth Henderson at the home of Miss
Ruth's Uncle, R. J. Stukey last week.

Mrs. H. C. Churchill who has spent
the past year in travel in the east and
south, has returned to her home here,
and later will be joined by Mr.
Churchill's mother.

The kindergarten department of the
Congregational Sunday school has been
reorganized under the direction of
Mrs. Frank Wright, who is an expert in
modern Sunday school methods.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Charles
Gray, who left for Bridgeport, Conn.,
about three months ago, will be pleased
to know that they intend to return to
Sierra Madre a few weeks hence.

Mrs. H. J. Irwin, who departed a
couple of months ago for an extended
trip in the East, returned Saturday
night. She spent some time in Denver
on her eastward journey and also
at other points, and while in Chicago
experienced a severe snow storm and
blizzard.

Messrs. J. DePencier, H. C. Day and
E. Simpson left Wednesday morning
for Newhall, where they will spend
ten days or two weeks hunting, and
in trapping foxes. They expected to
make the trip overland by team. Mr.
DePencier, owns a tract of land near
Newhall and they will occupy a cabin
on this place.

The ladies who heard the bright,
practical lecture given by Mrs. E. K.
Foster before the local Woman's Club
at the beginning of the year will be in-
terested to know of her safe arrival
home from Mexico, where she spent some
time in travel with Mr. Foster and
her young son. The Fosters expect to
leave soon for a two years' trip abroad.

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banking office in the City of
Sierra Madre, California, the
14th day of January, A. D.
1908, from 2 to 4 o'clock p. m.,
for the purpose of electing a
board of directors for the
ensuing year, and the trans-
action of such other business
as may properly come be-
fore the meeting.

Dated this 3d day of De-
cember, A. D. 1907.

H. G. FLINT,
Cashier.

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Gov. Gillette's proposed plan of dividing the state into four banking districts and apportioning the examination of banks among the commissioners so that the same man would not make examinations in the same district twice in succession is an admirable one, but his ideas as to the necessary qualifications of bank examiners are open to criticism. The governor is quoted as saying that "a good business man would make a better bank commissioner than a banker." That is rather tough on the bankers, for unquestionably some of them are good business men. The governor evidently based his judgment on the fact that men who had been employed in banking institutions, when appointed as bank examiners, had proven either incompetent or criminally negligent in the discharge of their duties. But the fact remains that no man should be better qualified to detect irregularities or loose methods in the conduct of a bank than a man who has had years of experience in that line of business. It is a lamentable fact that gross carelessness in the examination of the books of financial institutions has been largely responsible, or at least has made possible the failure of many banks. Far more attention should be paid to the character and ability of the men appointed to investigate the condition and business methods of these depositories of the people's money. Not only should they be men of unquestioned ability, but of the strictest integrity; and the accuracy of their reports should be further safeguarded by requiring heavy bonds and providing severe penalties for failure to detect any unsatisfactory conditions.

The educational advantages of any community are of the greatest importance to its growth and development. These are investigated carefully by

home seekers and must not be neglected. Sierra Madre is fortunate in having a beautiful public school and an excellent corps of teachers, but the time is soon coming when a high school will have to be established to care for the growing needs of the city.

MISS BAIN LECTURES.

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for office are of much higher moral caliber than they were before women voted. Land frauds have been stopped. A few men bought princely tracts from the natives for a few trinkets in the early days, but the government has made that impossible by its system of land taxation and by the "leasehold system," by which land is leased to a man for 999 years, so that a part of the money which he would otherwise expend in the payment for the land is put into improving the land and stocking it. The government also loans money to settlers to buy the necessary seed and implements for the first crops. The money is borrowed in London at a low rate and loaned to colonists at a most reasonable rate.

Education has progressed, but the system at present is by no means perfect. New Zealand has to learn the value of technical training as a factor in education and in common with other countries, needs to learn the value of moral upbuilding as an essential of public school education.

Labor conditions have been greatly improved. Strikes were a very serious menace and problem in New Zealand, but the compulsory arbitration act has remedied this most effectively. Under the provisions of this act, each county has a board of conciliation, made up of five members, two of whom are selected by the employers, two by the employed and these men select an outsider who acts as chairman of the board. All matter of differences between employers and employees are adjusted by this board. If, however, the decision of the board is refused the case is taken up to the board of arbitration for the colonies and its decision is final. This board consists of three men, one appointed by the employers, one by the employees and one is appointed by the governor. The governor's candidate must be a member of the supreme court of the dominion, and acts as chairman. Great good has been accomplished by these boards and a decent minimum wage scale has been established. Everyone now must pay even an apprentice a small wage.

The government has established insurance agencies, and best of all, has provided an old age pension bureau, by means of which people who have reached the age of sixty-five and have not enough to live comfortably may be helped by the government to the extent of ten shillings per week and there is no trace of charity about the system.

Almost all of the public necessities are owned by the government and anything which tends to undue inflation of prices is quickly suppressed. A few years ago the price of coal was raised to an abnormal amount. New Zealand coal is excellent, so the government bought a coal mine, sold the coal to consumers at a reasonable figure, and so forced the coal companies to reduce their prices to a normal amount. The railroads are the property of the government and are run for the direct benefit of the people. If a profit over running expenses is made, the freight rates are immediately reduced. Lime

for the developing of large swamp areas is sent to the farmers and fruit boxes are shipped inland free of charge.

A uniform penny postage is now in use through the island and with numbers of foreign countries which were willing to unite in the establishment of a penny post. New Zealand is the initiator of this movement. Parcel posts are also owned by the government, together with all telegraph, telephone and lighting systems.

New Zealand has done nicely, but it has much more to do, and conditions are by no means ideal, but before it can accomplish the greatest things it must learn how to educate men, women and children in higher ideals of manhood, and womanhood, so that a stock of sterling quality shall in at least two generations become the men and women of affairs of the island and make the noblest type of parents for future generations.

Owing to the early twilight the club meeting will begin at two o'clock for the next two months. The Christmas party for the club children and other children is well prepared. The little ones are to be at the hall promptly at two o'clock. On the fifth Monday of December a social afternoon with a charming "Day in Early California," is being planned. The Saturday club of Monrovia is invited and a program of unusual excellence is promised.

Tournament of Roses.

The nineteenth annual Tournament of Roses will be held on New Year's day at Pasadena. This tournament which is now recognized as one of the leading tournaments of the world, promises to eclipse all previous efforts. The floral parade, which will be given in the morning, embraces entries, which for grandeur and beauty of decoration and designs seems to have reached the limit of artistic merit.

The afternoon sports at Tournament Park will be a thrilling affair, and the chariot races which for several years have attracted thousands of spectators will again be the main attraction.

The tournament ball, which will be given at Hotel Green, will be a brilliant affair, and with the added attraction of Miss May Sutton, the champion tennis player of the world, who has been selected by the board of directors as queen of the tournament, and who will be assisted by the ladies of her court besides several matrons. Applications from many surrounding towns have been made and the interest shown has been greatly appreciated by the tournament directors.

TIME TABLES

PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY

Leave Los Angeles		Leave Sierra Madre	
6:05 a.m.	12:05 p.m.	6:10 a.m.	12:10 p.m.
6:25* "	1:25* "	7:42* "	2:10 "
7:00 "	2:05 "	8:10 "	2:42* "
7:25 "	3:05 "	8:42 "	3:10 "
8:05 "	4:05 "	9:10 "	4:10 "
9:05 "	5:05 "	10:10 "	5:10 "
10:05 "	6:05 "	11:10 "	6:10 "
11:05 "	8:05 "	7:00 "	10:00 "
	11:30 "		

*Combination express and passenger service.

SANTA FE ROUTE

Santa Anita Station

Arrive from Los Angeles and Leave for East:

8:14 a.m. Overland	5:12 p.m. Local
9:11 a.m. Local	8:44 p.m. Overland

10:38 a.m. Limited

Arrive from East and Leave for Los Angeles:

6:19 a.m. Overland	4:56 p.m. Local
7:34 a.m. Overland	5:12 p.m. Limited

9:11 a.m. Local

CITY GOVERNMENT.

Trustees—

C. W. JONES, Chairman.

E. W. Camp, J. Kraft,

N. H. Hosmer, J. C. Pegler.

Treasurer—L. C. Torrance.

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Marshal and Collector—W. P. Caley.

Recorder—C. W. Hill.

Attorney—Walter Haas.

Engineer—J. H. McClymonds.

Trustees meet in the City Hall, Kersting block, on Central avenue, second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 7:15 p. m.

BOARD OF TRADE.

President—H. Ivor Thomas.

Vice President—Charles Kersting.

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Regular meetings second Monday in January, April, June and October.

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Meets second and fourth Mondays.

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There are over 2,300 books in the Library, and the Reading Room tables are supplied with all the leading magazines and periodicals.

Membership in the association is open to any person of full age on payment of an annual subscription of two dollars or a single life subscription of twenty-five dollars. A monthly subscription of twenty-five cents entitles the subscriber to the use of the Library, but does not qualify such subscriber as a member of the Association.

The Library is open five times each week, viz., on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday afternoons from 3 till 5, and Tuesday and Friday evenings from 7 till 9 o'clock.

CHURCH NOTICES.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. James M. Campbell, D. D., pastor.
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; morning service, 11 a. m.; Christian Endeavor, 6:45 p. m.; evening service, 7:30 p. m. Strangers are cordially welcomed.

The Ladies' Aid Society holds its business meetings on the first Tuesday of every month, at 3 p. m. Afternoon socials on the second and fourth Tuesdays, from 3 to 5 o'clock.

The Woman's Missionary Society meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 3 p. m.

C HURCH OF THE ASCENSION (Episcopal)

—Rev. Charles E. Bentham, rector.
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¶ A yearly subscription to The Sierra Madre News will make an excellent and very appropriate Christmas gift for an eastern relative or friend; a constant reminder of the giver and a weekly souvenir from this land of sunshine.

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The Sierra Madre News

Ordinance No. 41

An Ordinance of the Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre declaring its intention to improve a portion of Mountain Trail Avenue in said City of Sierra Madre.

The Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. That the public interest and convenience requires and that it is the intention of the Board of Trustees of the city of Sierra Madre to order the following work to be done, to-wit:

1st. That a box culvert be constructed along the westerly side of Mountain Trail avenue at Laurel avenue as per plan No. 1, and along the easterly side of Mountain Trail avenue at Laurel avenue as per plan No. 2 for such work and profiles on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and city specifications for the construction of box culverts on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 9, and that said box culverts be of the form and dimensions shown on said plans and profiles.

2nd. That a box culvert be constructed along the westerly side of Mountain Trail avenue at Highland avenue as per plan No. 1 and along the easterly side of Mountain Trail avenue at Highland avenue as per plan No. 2 for such work and profiles on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city and city specifications for the construction of box culverts on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 9, and that said box culverts be of the form and dimensions shown on said plans and profiles.

3rd. That a box culvert be constructed along the westerly side of

Mountain Trail avenue at La Belle avenue as per plan No. 1, and along the easterly side of Mountain Trail avenue at La Belle avenue as per plan No. 2 for such work and profiles on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and city specifications for the construction of box culverts on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 9, and that said box culverts be of the form and dimensions shown on said plans and profiles.

SEC. 2. The Street Superintendent shall post notices of this work, as required by law, and shall cause said notice to be published once per week for two successive weeks in the "Sierra Madre News," a weekly newspaper published and circulated in said city of Sierra Madre and hereby designated for that purpose.

SEC. 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance, and shall cause the same to be published once per week for two successive weeks in the "Sierra Madre News," said newspaper hereby designated for that purpose, and shall post the same conspicuously for two days on or near the chamber door of the place of meeting of the Board of Trustees of said city, and thereupon and thereafter it shall take effect and be in force.

The foregoing ordinance was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the city of Sierra Madre, held on the 4th day of December, A. D. 1907, by the affirmative vote of at least three trustees, to-wit:

Ayes: Messrs. Camp, Hosmer, Krafft, Pegler, Jones.
Noes: None.
And signed and approved this 4th day of December, A. D. 1907.

C. W. JONES,
President of the Board of Trustees.
Attest: J. J. GRAHAM,
[Seal.] City Clerk.

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Notice Inviting Sealed Proposals.

Pursuant to Statutes and to Ordinance No. 33 of the Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre, adopted October 10th, 1907, directing this notice, the undersigned will receive and invitees at his office in the City Hall of the City of Sierra Madre, up to 8 o'clock p. m. of the 26th day of December, 1907, sealed proposals or bids for the following street work to be done in said City of Sierra Madre, to-wit:

1st. For the grading and oiling of Central avenue from the east curb line of Sierra Madre avenue on the west to the west curb line of Cañon avenue on the east where shown and designated on the plans and profiles for such work and according to the plans and profiles for such work on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city and city specifications for the construction of cement pipe culverts on file in the office of the city clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 5.

2nd. For the construction of a cement gutter along each side of said Central avenue from the east curb line of Sierra Madre avenue on the west to the west curb line of Cañon avenue on the east (except along such portions of said street where a cement or granite gutter has been constructed to the official line and grade and accepted by said city), in accordance with the plans and profiles for such work on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city and city specifications for the construction of cement pipe culverts on file in the office of the city clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 4.

3rd. For the construction of a cement curb along both sides of said Cen-

tral avenue from the east curb line of Sierra Madre avenue on the west to the west curb line of Cañon avenue on the east (except where a cement or granite curb has been constructed to the official line and grade and accepted by said city), in accordance with the plans and profiles for such work on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and specifications for the construction of cement curbs on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 2.

4th. For the construction of cement pipe culverts along and across said Central avenue between the east curb line of Sierra Madre avenue on the west to the west curb line of Cañon avenue on the east where shown and designated on the plans and profiles for such work and according to the plans and profiles for such work on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city and city specifications for the construction of cement pipe culverts on file in the office of the city clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 5.

Bidders must file with each proposal or bid a check payable to the order of the President of the Board of Trustees, certified by a responsible bank, for an amount which shall not be less than ten per cent of the aggregate of the proposals, or a bond for said amount, and so payable, signed by the bidder and two sureties who shall justify before any officer competent to administer an oath, in double the said amount, and over and above all statutory exemptions.

Sierra Madre, Cal., December 5, 1907.
J. J. GRAHAM,
City Clerk.

Colonel Watterson says that there are no Democrats left in Oklahoma and Gov. Beckham says Col. Watterson is trying to Oklahomaize Kentucky.

A New England newspaper somewhat mournfully bewails the lack of enthusiasm and energy in young men of today. Surely, it never saw a crowd of them on the way to a football game.

Ordinance No. 35

An Ordinance of the Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre declaring its intention to improve a portion of Grand View Avenue in said City of Sierra Madre.

The Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. That the public interest and convenience requires and that it is the intention of the Board of Trustees of the city of Sierra Madre to order the following work to be done, to-wit:

1st. That said Grand View avenue from the easterly curb line of Sierra Madre avenue on the west to a point 375 feet east of Cañon avenue on the east, including all intersections, (excepting such portions of said street and intersections as are required by law to be kept in order or repair by any person or company having railroad tracks thereon, and also excepting such portions as have already been graded to the official grade, oiled and accepted by said city,) be graded and oiled in accordance with the plans and profiles for such work on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city and specifications for the grading and oiling of streets on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 4.

2nd. That a cement curb be constructed along each side of said Grand View avenue from the easterly curb line of Sierra Madre avenue on the west to a point 375 feet east of Cañon avenue on the east (except along such portions of said street where a cement or granite curb has been constructed to the official line and grade and accepted by said city,) in accordance with the plans and profiles for such work on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city and specifications for the construction of cement curbs on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 2.

3rd. That a cement gutter three and one-half feet in width be constructed along each side of said Grand View avenue from the easterly curb line of Sierra Madre avenue on the west to the west curb line of Mountain Trail avenue, and thence five feet in width along the northerly side and three and one-half feet in width along the southerly side of said Grand View avenue to a point 375 feet east of Cañon avenue on the east (except along such portions of said street where a cement or cobblestone gutter has been constructed to the official line and grade and accepted by said city,) in accordance with the plans and profiles for such work on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city and specifications for the construction of cement gutters on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 8.

4th. That cement box culverts be constructed along and across said Grand View avenue between the said easterly curb line of Sierra Madre avenue on the west to a point 375 feet east of Cañon avenue on the east, where shown and of the size and dimensions shown on the plans and profiles for such work on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city and city specifications for the construction of cement box culverts on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 5.

SEC. 2. The Street Superintendent shall post notices of this work, as required by law, and shall cause said notice to be published once per week for two successive weeks in the "Sierra Madre News," a weekly newspaper published and circulated in said city of Sierra Madre, and hereby designated for that purpose.

SEC. 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause the same to be published once per week for two successive weeks in the "Sierra Madre News," said newspaper hereby designated for that purpose, and shall post the same conspicuously for two days on or near the chamber door of the place of meeting of the Board of Trustees of said city and thereupon and thereafter it shall take effect and be in force.

The foregoing ordinance was adopted

at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the city of Sierra Madre held on the 4th day of December, A. D. 1907, by the affirmative vote of at least three trustees, to-wit:

Ayes: Messrs. Camp, Hosmer, Kraft, Pegler, Jones.

Noes: None.

And signed and approved this 4th day of December, A. D. 1907.

C. W. JONES,
President of the Board of Trustees.

Attest: J. J. GRAHAM,
[Seal.] City Clerk.

Ordinance No. 36

An ordinance of the Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre, amending Ordinance No. 3 of Ordinances of the City of Sierra Madre, by amending Section 2 thereof.

The Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. That section 2 of Ordinance No. 3 of Ordinances of the city of Madre be amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 2. The salary and compensation of the City Clerk and Assessor is hereby fixed at the sum of Forty (\$40.00) Dollars per month for the months of November and December, 1907, and the months of January, February and March, 1908, and thereafter at Ten (\$10.00) Dollars per month and the further sum of Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars per year for all services rendered by the said Clerk as assessor in making the assessment of said city."

SEC. 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause the same to be published once in the "Sierra Madre News," a weekly newspaper published and circulated in said City of Sierra Madre, and hereby designated for that purpose, and thereupon and thereafter the same shall take effect and be in force.

The foregoing ordinance was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre, held on the 4th day of December, 1907, by the affirmative vote of at least three trustees, to-wit:

Ayes: Messrs. Camp, Hosmer, Kraft, Pegler, Jones.

Noes: None.

And signed and approved this 4th day of December, A. D. 1907.

C. W. JONES,
President of the Board of Trustees.

Attest: J. J. GRAHAM,
[Seal.] City Clerk.

Ordinance No. 39

An ordinance of the Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre, establishing grades upon certain avenues in said City of Sierra Madre.

The Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. That the grades on the several avenues hereinafter mentioned be established and adopted as per field notes, figures given and profiles made for the same and on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city of Sierra Madre, and that the same be and they are hereby made the established, authorized and official grades upon said avenues as follows, to-wit:

SUNNYSIDE AVENUE.

At the conjunction of Sunnyside and Live Oak avenues:

Center—788.60
N. E. cor.—789.15
N. W. cor.—790.00

At the intersection of Sunnyside and Manzanita avenues:

Center—810.15
N. E. cor.—811.35
N. W. cor.—812.25

S. W. cor.—809.00
S. E. cor.—808.00

At the intersection of Sunnyside and Ramona avenues:

Center—833.50
N. E. cor.—834.10
N. W. cor.—835.10
S. W. cor.—832.90

S. E. cor.—831.90
At the intersection of Sunnyside and Mariposa avenues:

Center—859.50

N. E. cor.—861.00

N. W. cor.—861.00

S. W. cor.—858.00

S. E. cor.—858.00

At the intersection of Sunnyside and Central avenues:

Center—889.20

N. E. cor.—889.50

N. W. cor.—890.50

S. W. cor.—888.80

S. E. cor.—888.00

At the conjunction of Sunnyside and Grandin avenues:

Center—916.00

Opp. center—915.50

N. W. cor.—918.00

S. W. cor.—915.00

At the intersection of Sunnyside and Highland avenues:

Center—940.55

N. E. cor.—941.50

N. W. cor.—942.10

S. W. cor.—939.60

S. E. cor.—939.00

At the conjunction of Sunnyside and Park avenues:

Center—966.50

N. E. cor.—967.45

S. E. cor.—964.45

At the conjunction of Sunnyside and Laurel avenues:

Center—968.50

N. W. cor.—971.00

S. W. cor.—967.00

At the conjunction of Sunnyside and Oak avenues:

Center—982.50

Opp. center—983.00

N. E. cor.—983.75

S. E. cor.—980.50

At the intersection of Sunnyside and Grand View avenues:

Center—996.70

S. E. cor.—994.40

S. W. cor.—995.80

And along all points between said designated points the grade is so established as to conform to a straight line.

The above elevations of grades given are either above or below a bench mark, a spike driven in the electric light pole on the southwest corner of Baldwin and Central avenues, the elevation of which spike is 821.32 feet.

SEC. 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause the same to be published once in the "Sierra Madre News," a weekly newspaper published and circulated in said city of Sierra Madre, and hereby designated for that purpose, and thereupon and thereafter it shall take effect and be in force.

The foregoing ordinance was adopted

at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre, held on the 4th day of December, A. D. 1907, by the affirmative vote of at least three trustees, to-wit:

Ayes: Messrs. Camp, Hosmer, Kraft, Pegler, Jones.

Noes: None.

And signed and approved this 4th day of December, A. D. 1907.

C. W. JONES,

President of the Board of Trustees.

Attest: J. J. GRAHAM,

[Seal.] City Clerk.

being numbered 9, and that said box culvert be of the form and dimensions shown on said plan and profiles.

2nd. That a box culvert be constructed on the southerly side of said Central avenue at Mountain Trail avenue as per plan No. 2 for such work and profiles on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and city specifications for the construction of box culverts on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 9, and that said box culvert be of the form and dimensions shown on said plan and profiles.

SEC. 2. The Street Superintendent shall post notices of this work as required by law and shall cause said notice to be published once per week for two successive weeks in the Sierra Madre News, a weekly newspaper published and circulated in said city of Sierra Madre and hereby designated for that purpose.

SEC. 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause the same to be published once per week for two successive weeks in the "Sierra Madre News," said newspaper hereby designated for that purpose, and shall post the same conspicuously for two days on or near the chamber door of the place of meeting of the Board of Trustees of said city and thereupon and thereafter it shall take effect and be in force.

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Noes: None.

And signed and approved this 4th day of December, A. D. 1907.

C. W. JONES,

President of the Board of Trustees.

Attest: J. J. GRAHAM,

[Seal.] City Clerk.

If the president omitted that formality, Gov. Haskell didn't fail to notify Mr. Roosevelt that Oklahoma had become a state.

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Ayes: Messrs. Camp, Hosmer, Kraft, Pegler, Jones.

Noes: None.

And signed and approved this 4th day of December, A. D. 1907.

C. W. JONES,

President of the Board of Trustees.

Attest: J. J. GRAHAM,

[Seal.] City Clerk.

Ordinance No. 40

An ordinance of the Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre, declaring its intention to improve a portion of Central Avenue in said City of Sierra Madre.

The Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. That the grades on the several avenues hereinafter

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Troubles of Japan.

Japan is having her peck of troubles according to the Overland China Mail (Hongkong). The famine came a year ago; her finest battleship, Mikasa, subsequently was partially destroyed, and in Formosa and Korea the inhabitants are still causing a large expenditure of blood and treasure to the country which has occupied them, but has not yet brought her newly acquired subjects to her way of thinking. Her victories and successes seem to have brought with them the usual responsibilities, risks, needs and aspirations. The adoption of Western civilization and dissemination of Western ideas have introduced a great deal of Western restlessness and social independence. Not only Americanism, but Socialism has entered her borders, to disturb her traditional worship for the monarchy. Her Chinese neighbors are closely watching her and it is from the Anglo-Chinese press that we learn the condition of things. Of the more serious financial difficulties of Japan the Hongkong paper remarks:

"Undeterred by the lesson of frenzied finance which followed the Chino-Japanese war the financiers of Japan early this year commenced to speculate and gradually drew into the vortex numbers of the people who had saved a little money, but who were tempted by the apparent opportunities to 'get rich quick' to invest their money in any wild-cat scheme which was dangled before their covetous eyes. Companies which had no possible chance of earning dividends were successfully floated, and others which would have given a reasonable return on a moderate capital were so over capitalized that they caved in from the weight of the unnecessary money they were called upon to carry. This financial orgie lasted long enough to bring ruin to thousands of homes and prejudice Japan's credit abroad."

The worst of it is that new social and political theories are gaining a footing in Japan, and the reverence once cherished for the monarch is rapidly evaporating. As this writer says:

"A change is coming over the character of the people. It is a truism that the late war could never have been won by Japan had it not been for the almost sublime loyalty of the people for the emperor. Every one who knows anything in regard to the sentiments of the

Japanese in this respect is aware that he is almost deified. A few years ago any man who by word or act belittled the emperor would probably have been torn to pieces. Yet a few months since a number of Japanese workmen deliberately wrecked a warship in course of construction because they were dissatisfied with the conditions in which they were working. When it is remembered that the army and navy are, according to Japanese ideas, the property of the emperor, the full significance of this action will be realized."

It is scarcely too much to say that absolutism in Japan seems likely to share the fate of absolutism in Russia, and a revolution will ensue, we are told, unless the wisdom and judgment of men superior to Witte or Stolypin are found ready to appease the storm. The writer quoted thus concludes:

"All over the country the working classes are showing a spirit of independence which betokens that the old order is changing more rapidly than the ruling classes ever believed possible. Japan has wonderful recuperative power and she can and will emerge triumphant from the material difficulties which beset her. But unless her affairs are in the hands of very sage and enlightened statesmen, the changing spirit of her people may plunge her into the same internal disorder in which Russia is wallowing today." — Literary Digest.

A first voters' club has been formed in Atlanta, but what the Democratic party needs throughout the country is to get the votes of those who have taken to the woods in recent years.

SIERRA MADRE RAINFALL

Report Furnished by Mr. John G. Blumer.

The precipitation at Sierra Madre for the season of 1907-8, to the present time, follows:

1907	Inches
Oct. 4	.15
" 14	.06
" 15	.38
" 16	.20
" 17	.30
" 22	.49
" 23	.74
" 26	.07
" 27	.56
Dec. 6	.47
" 10	.23
Total	3.69

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CYNIC OF DRUMTOCHTY.

"Bonnie Brier Bush" Character Living
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Quite by accident one of the characters of that popular book, "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush," has been found at Sawtelle where he has been quietly living for some time, says the Examiner.

When Ian McLaren was searching for a character in order to depict true to life the "Blacksmith," in his great book he was so fortunate as to find among the braes of Scotland that canny Scotchman, James Souter, who was known as the "Cynic of Drumtochty" and whose meeting with Urijah Hops, the Englishman, which is described in the novel, has been a delight to read, where Jamie elicited from the Englishman that he had never heard of the Act of Union, that Adam Smith was a new book he hoped to buy; that he did not know the difference between Calvanist and an Armenian and that he supposed the Confession of faith was invented in Edinburgh. This in the briefest space of time and by way of information to Drumtochty. Jamie was making for general literature and still had agriculture in reserve when Drumscheugh in the humanity of his heart intervened.

Jamie Souter or Soutar, as part of the branch of that family call it, was born in Forfarshire, Scotland, in 1828, and was one of the famous clan of Ogilve. His only brother, W. Souter, is the governor of Otago, New Zealand, and his niece married a relative of the Earl of Earlys who lived in the Castle of Cortachy. A picture of this castle is one of Souter's most cherished possessions, as he says, "A'm thinkin' its makin' ower muckle o' it, but there's na doot about it, the castle and a' o' Scotland is mair grand than ony thing in America, I do be thinkin'."

The Earl of Earlys for generations reigned over his clan of Ogilve and Souter knew and loved three of the lords. The last lord was killed in the Boer war.

In 1854 Souter came on a visit to Colonel Baron who resided in Canada and decided to remain. From there he went to South Dakota and then came to California. He has a son in Dakota, but would rather reside here in a warm climate than at Glen Clova Glen as his Scotch home in Dakota was known. Almost reaching eighty years, yet he has the fullest possession of all his faculties and is entertaining. He resides with his daughter, Mrs. O. W. Jewett of Fifth street, Sawtelle.

TOWN HALL.

Leeds, the Famous Hypnotist, Will Appear Monday Evening, Dec. 16, in His Marvelous Hypnotic Entertainment.

This clever exponent of hypnotism has been engaged to give one of his highly interesting and entertaining exhibitions at the Town hall on next Monday evening, during which a series of experiments and tests will be made in hypnotism, mesmerism and psychic force. Prof. Leeds will make a sensational wild drive on Monday afternoon, at 3 p. m., starting from the hall, when he will drive a spirited team of horses, while completely blindfolded, accompanied by a committee of three citizens, one of which will have hidden a small article of some kind, somewhere within the city, and find the same after making a circuitous drive throughout the town. Altogether Prof. Leeds' hypnotic entertainments combine pathos and comedy elements, with comedy much in evidence. Some call it the funniest show on earth.

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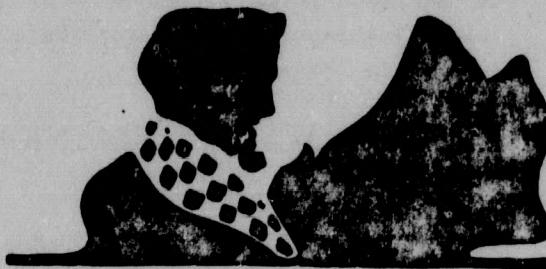
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UNIVERSITY NEWS LETTER.

Discovery of Wonderful Developments in Fish.

The University Press has just issued, in the University of California publications in zoology, a study by Professor H. S. Jennings, of Johns Hopkins University, made at the university's marine biological laboratory at La Jolla, and dealing with the life and habits of the starfish. This bulletin pictures the life struggles of a low animal, in its relation with the other creatures of the seashore; how it finds and captures its food; how it defends itself from its enemies; how it avoids and repairs. This perhaps is the most thorough study that has ever been made of the life of a creature so far removed from ourselves. The starfish is shown to have a complicated life, and many extraordinary ways of helping itself. On its back it bears about 25,000 small jaws or hands, arranged in rings and bands. These attack fiercely any creature that molests the starfish; they seize and hold crabs and other creatures till they die. By their aid the starfish captures many animals for food; even quick, active fish of considerable size are surprised by these by these jaws, seized, held and eaten. Photographs of a number of such scenes are given.

It is often said that the behavior of the lower animals is uniform and stereotyped—the creature always doing the same thing in the same way; and that

they never learn or form new habits. But thorough study shows that this is not true of the starfish. Its behavior is characterized by a sort of "versatility;" it can do in many different ways what it can do at all. Indeed, it could almost be said never to do the same thing twice in the same way.

No animal so low as the starfish has before been known to form habits—to learn to do things in a certain definite way. To test whether the starfish can do this, a number of specimens were trained for a long time to right themselves in certain definite ways. By this method it was found that the starfish very readily acquires what may be called temporary habits. Thus, in a typical case, a starfish was trained to use in righting itself a certain pair of rays that it never employed naturally. After twelve "lessons," one following another immediately, the animal was found to have adopted the habit.

It is thus clear that habits may be formed in the starfish by a comparatively brief period of training. There is no doubt that by beginning with young specimens and continuing well planned training for a long time, very marked results could be produced.

Alltogether, the behavior of the starfish is characterized as showing "variability, unity and adaptiveness." The starfish is the lowest animal in which the formation of habits has been demonstrated.

Subject of Carnot Debate Announced.

The committee in charge announces that the next Carnot debate for the gold medal will take place the first Friday in February, 1908. The general subject for investigation from which the specific subject for debate will be taken is "France and Morocco." The Carnot debate takes place annually, and this contest selects the best individual debater on the two teams representing the University of California and Stanford University. The debate was made possible through the generosity of Baron de Coubertin, and the subject is always one dealing with the policies of France. The debate will be held this year in Harmon Gymnasium on the University of California campus.

APPRECIATION.

Thanksgiving Visit of School Children Gives Pleasure.

The principal of the public school received the following communication in acknowledgement of a Thanksgiving visit of school children to the home of the writer:

"Sierra Madre, Dec. 2, 1907.

"Dear Sir:

"My wife and I desire to express to the children of the school our appreciation of their kind remembrances at Thanksgiving. It is always gratifying when the young remember and show consideration for the aged and feeble. Old people, animals and birds, in their dependance, are always grateful for such kindly attention.

"May I beg you to thank for us our young friends, each and all, and should you think our little note worthy of the occasion, I trust you will kindly read it aloud to them, as a very imperfect expression of our gratitude for the pleasure received.

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"To Mr. Coates, Principal of Sierra Madre School."

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Ordinance No. 42

An Ordinance of the Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre declaring its intention to improve a portion of Baldwin Avenue in said City of Sierra Madre.

The Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. That the public interest and convenience requires and that it is the intention of the Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre to order the following work to be done to-wit:

1st. That a box culvert be constructed along the westerly side of said Baldwin avenue at Palm avenue as per plan No. 2 for such work and profiles on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and city specifications for the construction of box culverts on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 9, and that said box culvert be of the form and dimensions shown on said plans and profiles.

2nd. That a box culvert be constructed along the westerly side of said Baldwin avenue at Olive avenue as per plan No. 2 for such work and profiles on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and city specifications for the construction of box culverts on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 9, and that said box culvert be of the form and dimensions shown on said plan and profiles.

3rd. That a box culvert be constructed along the easterly side of said Baldwin avenue at Algeria avenue as per plan No. 2 for such work and profiles on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and city specifications for the construction of box culverts on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 9, and that said box culvert be of the form and dimensions shown on said plan and profiles.

4th. That a box culvert be constructed along the westerly side of said Baldwin avenue at Granite Heights avenue as per plan No. 2 for such work and profiles on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city and city specifications for the construction of box culverts on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 9, and that said box culvert be of the form and dimensions shown on said plan and profiles.

5th. That a box culvert be constructed along the westerly side of said Baldwin avenue at Grand View avenue as per plan No. 1 for such work and profiles on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and city specifications for the construction of box culverts on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 9, and that said box culvert be of the form and dimensions shown on said plan and profiles.

6th. That a box culvert be constructed along the easterly side of said Baldwin avenue at Grand View avenue as per plan No. 2 for such work and profiles on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and city specifications for the construction of box culverts on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 9, and that said box culvert be of the form and dimensions shown on said plan and profiles.

7th. That a box culvert be constructed along the westerly side of said Baldwin avenue at Laurel avenue as per plan No. 1 for such work and profiles on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and city specifications for the construction of box culverts on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 9, and that said box culvert be of the form and dimensions shown on said plan and profiles.

8th. That a box culvert be constructed along the easterly side of said Baldwin avenue at Laura avenue as per plan No. 2 for such work and profiles on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and city specifications for the construction of box culverts on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications to-wit:

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9th.

That a box culvert be constructed along the easterly side of said Baldwin avenue at Highland avenue as per plan No. 2 for such work and profiles on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and city specifications for the construction of box culverts on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 9, and that said box culvert be of the form and dimensions shown on said plan and profiles.

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11th.

That a box culvert be constructed along the westerly side of said Baldwin avenue at Dixie Drive as per plan No. 1 for such work and profiles on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and city specifications for the construction of box culverts on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 9, and that said box culvert be of the form and dimensions shown on said plan and profiles.

12th.

That a box culvert be constructed along the easterly side of said Baldwin avenue at Central avenue as per plan No. 1 for such work and profiles on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and city specifications for the construction of box culverts on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 9, and that said box culvert be of the form and dimensions shown on said plan and profiles.

13th.

That a box culvert be constructed along the easterly side of said Baldwin avenue at Suffolk avenue as per plan No. 1 for such work and profiles on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and city specifications for the construction of box culverts on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 9, and that said box culvert be of the form and dimensions shown on said plan and profiles.

14th.

That a box culvert be constructed along the westerly side of said Baldwin avenue at Esperanza avenue as per plan No. 1 for such work and profiles on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and city specifications for the construction of box culverts on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 9, and that said box culvert be of the form and dimensions shown on said plan and profiles.

15th.

That a box culvert be constructed along the westerly side of said Baldwin avenue at Bonita avenue as per plan No. 1 for such work and profiles on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and city specifications for the construction of box culverts on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 9, and that said box culvert be of the form and dimensions shown on said plan and profiles.

SEC. 2. The Street Superintendent shall post notices of this work, as required by law, and shall cause said notice to be published once per week for two successive weeks in the "Sierra Madre News," a weekly newspaper published and circulated in said city of Sierra Madre, and hereby designated for that purpose.

SEC. 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause the same to be published once per week for two successive weeks in the "Sierra Madre News," said newspaper hereby designated for that purpose, and shall post the same conspicuously for two days on or near the chamber door of the place of meeting of the Board of Trustees of said city and thereupon and thereafter it shall take effect and be in force.

The foregoing ordinance was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the city of Sierra Madre held on the 4th day of December, A. D. 1907, by the affirmative vote of at least three trustees, to-wit:

Ayes: Messrs. Camp, Hosmer, Krafft, Pegler, Jones.

Noes: None.

And signed and approved this 4th day of December, A. D. 1907.

C. W. JONES,

President of the Board of Trustees.

Attest:

J. J. GRAHAM,

City Clerk.

Secretary Loeb also seems to have escaped being held responsible for the Republican defeat in New York city.

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